

In W. Fort, counsel for Miss Virginia Wardlaw would secure her accommodations and a place of refuge, but the men who were to call for her failed to put in an appearance, and Mrs. Snead continued on in the front bedroom of the house where the detectives found her.

Several days ago, when interviewed by four newspaper men, Mrs. Snead broke the silence of the sisters for the first time and gave what may prove to be one of the strongest points of the prosecution.

Ocey Snead was found dead on Monday, November 22. She died some time on Sunday, November 21.

Mrs. Mary Snead was asked this question: "Where was Miss Virginia Wardlaw on Sunday night, the day before the body was found?"

Without the slightest hesitation, Mrs. Snead answered the question: "She was here with me on Sunday night."

"Where was Mrs. Martin on Sunday night?" she was next asked.

"Mrs. Martin was over at the East Orange house with her daughter, Ocey."

Further probing brought out the fact that Mrs. Martin never returned to the West Twenty-second Street house after she left there to go to East Orange.

Statements Contradict. When questioned on the Monday afternoon when the body was found, had stated positively that she had been in the East Orange house all the time from Sunday day at 2 o'clock in the afternoon until the body was found, with the exception of half an hour, when she was out on an errand. Coupled with this in the minds of the police are the three suicide notes found in Mrs. Martin's effects when she was arrested on Wednesday afternoon.

Who left the fourth suicide note on the clothing of the dead girl in the bathroom?

Mrs. Snead is regarded as the weak spot in the defense of the three sisters. There are three witnesses who will swear that she told them of Mrs. Martin's presence in East Orange on the last day of Ocey Snead's life. It is expected that when the police begin to question Mary Snead they will arrive at the real truth.

She has already told enough to cast the heaviest suspicion upon her oldest sister, the mother of the dead girl, and there are still the three suicide notes to be explained.

Many "Suicide" Letters. Further discoveries in the room vacated by Mrs. Martin were made by the police today. It was stated that these included more than 100 "suicide letters," purporting to have been written by Ocey Snead, many of them addressed to prominent New Yorkers, among whom were Mrs. Russell Sage and Mrs. Clarence Burns, a well known club woman.

All of the letters sounded the pathetic note of despair. One of them, addressed "To whoever finds this," expressed dread of pain and concluded: "Nobody has harmed me and I have harmed nobody. I love everybody and everybody loves me, but I cannot endure physical agony." This letter was unsigned.

Another letter addressed "To my counsel and attorney," was worded to indicate that the writer feared the lapsing of her endowment insurance policies if she lived, through her inability to keep up the payments.

The lawyers were instructed to "promptly collect my insurance in cash and pay it over to my grandmother without requiring any bond or security from her." This was signed in full, "Ocey Wardlaw Martin Snead."

In still another, the writer addressed "My family," and declares that "no living person is to blame for my death or has had anything to do with causing my death."

Two letters from Mrs. Ocey Snead to her husband also were in the collection. One of them was dated June 25, and the other September last. The latter, likewise, included a will purporting to have been made by the bathed victim, dated September 7 last, and directing that all of her property be turned over to her grandmother.

Fletcher Snead Located. ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO, December 16.—A man believed to be Fletcher W. Snead, husband of Ocey W. Snead, was located here to-night.

He is known here as John Lucas, and is engaged to be married to a Miss Lucas, who is believed to be the same person as the victim, dated September 7 last, and directing that all of her property be turned over to her grandmother.

When asked point blank: "Are you Fletcher Snead?" the man turned pale. He did not answer until the question was repeated. Then he said: "I prefer not to answer."

Admits His Identity. ST. CATHARINES, ONT., December 16.—A man who says he is Fletcher W. Snead, the husband of Ocey W. Snead, is working in the kitchen at a hotel here. He has been known under the name of John Lucas. He left New York in March and came almost directly to this city, where he obtained work.

He declares that he was never in East Orange in his life and knows nothing of the house or mystery where his wife's body was found. He refused to say why he left New York or why he had not returned when he heard of her death.

"Would you be willing to go back to East Orange?" he was asked.

"No, I will not," he declared, emphatically.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE HAS INTERNAL TROUBLE. INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 16.—Following the success of the Anti-Saloon League in the Indiana Supreme Court, which to-day handed down a decision that the county local option election is constitutional under which sixty-five counties in the State have closed their saloons, officers of the league announced that there was rupture in their relations because of disagreement as to future policy.

The resignation of E. M. Barney, superintendent of the Indianapolis district of the league, comprising thirty-one counties, was made public, resigning because he could not agree with the State superintendent, W. E. E. Schumaker, that the time now is ripe to open a campaign for statutory State-wide prohibition of liquor manufacture and trade.

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DO-NOTHING SESSION NOT WANTED BY TAFT

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publicans and glowing prophecies from Democrats as to Republican defeat next fall because of the tariff bill do not impress the President. He looks optimistically to a great and prosperous condition of affairs next year, in which the tariff will be forgotten and in which the voter will prefer continued prosperity to a return to Republican victory. Yet he knows that over these satisfactory conditions the mass of the voters want to see progress along certain lines, and it is his intention to stand pat for this advancement. That is why his influence will be for action and against non-action.

Will He Be Leagued. COLUMBIA, S. C., December 16.—Columbia will be in the South Atlantic League next season. At a meeting of stockholders to-night it was decided that a committee canvass the city for funds either by increase of present stock or by turning the franchise to ten business men. Charleston's proposition was turned down.

Frederick Greenwood Dies. LOWELL, December 16.—Frederick Greenwood, the author and journalist, died to-day.

Mr. Greenwood founded the Fall Mail Gazette, of which he was the first editor. Later, with others, he established the Lowell Gazette, which he edited for several years.

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## IN TURBULENT MANAGUA



SEN. JUAN J. ESTRADA.

AMERICAN LEGATION AT MANAGUA, NICARAGUA.

## ZELAYA'S REIGN OVER NICARAGUA COMES TO CLOSE

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hour. This kept the main body of provisionals behind their breastworks, leaving the main body of Zelaya to work out their destiny in another direction until hampered. It was said by miners who had tramped the country that they could cut a road through the brush at the rate of a mile or two a day toward Bluefields.

Feared a Plot. The first intimation that Estrada feared such a movement came early this week, when the provisional president refused to allow the Bluefields Fruit Company's steamer, *Managua*, to proceed up the Escondido River on her regular trip for bananas at Rama. He feared a plot whereby Vasquez would seize the steamer somewhere along the river and descend on Bluefields, seizing the all-important provisionals with funds, cutting Estrada off from his base, and leaving Chamorra between the two fires at Bluefields and Greytown.

Estrada rushed 300 men to Cama, a fruit station between this city and Rama, and later his alarm subsiding, gave the Mariette Di Giorgio permission to proceed to the latter city.

On December 9, however, in renewed alarm at the reported outlandish movement, he stopped the ship at Cama. The freight was brought down under guard from Rama and taken aboard at Cama.

The cruiser *Des Moines*, which arrived December 9, carries a crew of 250 men, but no marines. She draws too much water to enter the lagoon and lies two miles out, rolling in the open sea. Captain Shiply and Thomas P. Moffat, the American consul, are in constant communication by wireless.

The early agreed as to the best plan of protecting American interests here should the government troops suddenly burst from the forests into town. Shiply is said to have asked that a force of marines be furnished him as quickly as possible.

Washington Satisfied. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16.—News of the resignation of President Zelaya of Nicaragua, communicated to government officials through the dispatches to the Associated Press, was received with satisfaction by the State Department and elsewhere here to-night, but not one syllable of comment could be elicited from any responsible officer of the administration.

It can be said with confidence, however, that Zelaya's resignation, welcomed as it is, has by no means removed him from the attention of this government. Secretary Knox's recent letter of dismissal to Senor Rodriguez, the Nicaraguan charge d'affaires, plainly indicated the intention of the United States to hold Zelaya and his circle or advisors personally responsible for the killing of the two Americans, Greco and Cannon, and nobody here to-night believes that Zelaya's retirement materially mitigates his personal peril as a defendant before the bar at which Mr. Knox has arraigned him on the charge of substantial murder in the first degree.

As for Zelaya's successor, it is well understood here that this government will look with disfavor upon the installation in Zelaya's place of any of the Zelaya following.

No orders have been issued by the Navy Department to the American vessels of war now in Nicaraguan waters as a result of the resignation of Zelaya. Indeed, it is improbable that any news of this development in the situation had reached the Department to-night. When Assistant Secretary Benjamin Winthrop, of the Navy Department, was informed by the Associated Press to-night of the resignation of the Nicaraguan President, he said that no change in the naval program as it relates to Nicaragua will be made, unless desire for such a change is manifested by the President and the State Department.

Insurgents Joyful. BLUEFIELDS, December 16.—News of the demonstrations against Zelaya at Managua was received here to-day and created great enthusiasm, it being the first intimation for a considerable time.

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DR. JOSE MADRIZ, Who is Zelaya's favorite for the presidency of Nicaragua.

able time as to the situation in the West. All the people joined in the general rejoicing.

General Estrada, at Rama, gave the news to the soldiers, who cheered excitedly and predicted an early end to the war.

The ministers here declared that spies had been bringing word of disaffection in the West, but to-day's news, coming from an impartial source, was of particular value in giving the provisional government confidence.

General Estrada when he learned of the conditions at Managua said: "I know that the whole country is aroused by the oppressions of Zelaya, but I am greatly pleased to learn that the situation is such in his own capital that the people do not fear to express their sentiments. Meanwhile I shall prepare to the end that Vasquez shall not escape."

Continues Preparations. BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, December 16.—General Estrada continues preparations for the attack against the Zelayan forces. Two hundred additional troops were sent to Rama to-day.

A delegate from Zelaya who came here for the purpose of persuading Estrada to accept Dr. Madriz for President, was not allowed to land. He has been sent back to Costa Rica.

Prairie Sulls. DELAWARE BREAKWATER, DEL., December 16.—The transport *Prairie*, bound from Philadelphia for Colon, with 700 marines for hospital duty in Nicaragua, passed out at 7:20 o'clock this afternoon.

May Be Ordered to Nicaragua. NEW YORK, December 16.—Movements at the Brooklyn Navy-Yard this afternoon indicated that the battleship *Nebraska* was being rapidly prepared for sea, and a report was current that she had received orders to proceed to Nicaraguan waters.

This report was given color by the fact that the battleship flew the little square red flag, indicating that explosives were being taken aboard, and that the battleship was being loaded with a large supply of arms, ammunition and stores, indicating that she was expected to make a lengthy voyage.

An air of mystery was preserved at the yard regarding the preparation of the *Nebraska* for her cruise, and nothing could be had from official sources as to her destination. The *Nebraska*, it was said, would carry her regular crew of about 800 men.

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## BALTIMORE BEAUTY IS AGAIN A BRIDE BURNED TO DEATH IN COFFIN FACTORY

Mrs. Brown, Who Divorced Son of Maryland's Governor, Now Mrs. Lawrence Ford.

BALTIMORE, December 16.—News of the marriage at Atlantic City last Saturday of Mrs. Mabel Michael Brown, a noted beauty, and Lawrence Ford, son of Rear-Admiral John D. Ford, United States Navy (retired), of this city, reached Baltimore last night. The bride was recently divorced from Frank S. R. Brown, son of Frank Brown, the wealthy ex-Governor of Maryland, who is now City Collector.

The wedding was an extremely quiet affair. It was arranged suddenly, and took place at the residence of Magistrate James T. Farley. It was known to none of the friends of the couple in this city. The only witnesses were Miss Marie Lusby, a cousin of the bride, and Horace Bennett, of Atlantic City.

After the ceremony the couple went to Philadelphia, which will be their permanent home, and then left for the West. Information that the marriage had taken place was sent here by telephone from Philadelphia by Mr. Ford himself, who gave the details as stated. He said that none of their friends in Baltimore had been apprised of the wedding until to-day.

Pretty Stenographer Figures. It develops that Mrs. Brown and her cousin, Miss Marie Lusby, went from Baltimore to Atlantic City last Thursday and registered at the same hotel where Mr. Ford had been stopping for five or six weeks. Before Mrs. Brown arrived he was seen frequently at the theatres with a pretty stenographer. How the couple planned the wedding is not known. Saturday the couple went to the residence of Magistrate Farley and were married, pledging all hands to secrecy for three weeks.

Mr. Ford is an old sweetheart of Mrs. Brown, and had known each other for years. In fact, it was Mr. Ford who introduced the son of former Governor Brown to the young woman who later became his wife. Mrs. Brown, after a short married life, divorced her husband, but the remained good friends. In fact, Mr. Ford, the stenographer in whom he was interested and Mrs. Brown were recently entertained at dinner by young Brown at a prominent hotel here.

Two Girls and Fireman Killed While Many Have Narrow Escape.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 16.—Two girls are missing and fourteen others narrowly escaped death to-night in a fire which destroyed the six-story factory building of Schrack & Sherwood, manufacturers of coffins and undertakers' supplies, at 1516-18-20 Callovhill Street.

The damage to the building and contents is estimated at \$250,000. Policeman William Winkel was overcome by smoke while assisting in rescuing the girls, and is in a serious condition.

The flames, which started in a room on the fourth floor of the building, gained such headway before they were discovered that sixteen girls who were on the fifth floor barely had time to rush downstairs before the stairway was a mass of fire. Four of them were removed to a hospital suffering from burns received from flying embers, and Rebecca Smith is missing, and it is feared she may have perished.

While at work fighting the flames on the fourth floor of the burning building, Joseph Toner, a fireman, was burned to death, and Frederick King was probably fatally injured. The men were overcome by smoke and fell to the floor below. Toner was burned to death before he could be rescued, but King was removed to a hospital, where his condition is regarded as critical.

MEET NEXT IN NASHVILLE Sessions of Surgical and Gynecological Association at an End.

JOT SPRINGS, VA., December 16.—The convention of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association, which opened here to-day, is closed.

The morning session was devoted to a discussion of papers read by Drs. G. W. Crile, Cleveland, O.; Albert Van derwerf, Albany, N. Y.; F. T. Merriweather, Asheville, N. C.; J. Bovee, Washington, D. C.; Charles A. L. Reed, Cincinnati; Stephen J. Roberts, Charlottesville; W. P. Carr, Washington, D. C.; and J. G. Earnest, Atlanta, Ga.

The following officers were elected: President, Dr. W. D. Hargard, Nashville, Ky.; vice-presidents, Dr. Joseph E. Bloodgood, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. Lewis C. Morris, Birmingham, Ala.; husband, but the remained good friends. In fact, Mr. Ford, the stenographer in whom he was interested and Mrs. Brown were recently entertained at dinner by young Brown at a prominent hotel here.

Nashville was selected as the place for the next convention.

SAVINGS DEPT. THE PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK RICHMOND, VA. IN ACCORDANCE WITH C. S. B. 1898

NEW YORK, December 16.—Having been in a state of coma for ten days, Dolan, the thirty-four years old, a patient in the Kings County Hospital, was brought to consciousness yesterday by the shock of seeing a very little woman visitor wearing an enormously big hat enter his ward.

When the young woman entered Dolan's eyelids lifted the merest shadow of a fraction of an inch. The more he looked, the lids opened further. The hat advanced to within ten feet of the bed. The eyelids opened to their widest extent, and Luke sat up in bed.

"Oh, gee! Look what's with us!" he exclaimed in a booming voice, as all the pent-up energy of weeks had found vent.

Nurses and convalescent patients crowded around to see what had wrought the marvelous change in Dolan's condition. He burst into a spasm of laughter, waved one hand at the hat, and with the other seized an orange. He ate it, too—the orange, not the hat. It was his first food since he had entered the hospital.

Dolan was found unconscious on December 4 at President Street and Newtown Avenue. Dr. Zeile took him to the hospital. Dolan's eyes were out, and his lips and mouth were swollen greatly.

Dr. William Best tried various treatments for two days. To see if his patient was sensitive to touch, the doctor stuck a needle in Dolan's skin on the second day after his admission. "Hey! What do you think I am?" demanded Dolan. But he quickly relapsed into coma. Last night he was taking notice of everything around him.

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